

THE ARTHUR M. BLANK
FAMILY FOUNDATION

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of BUSINESSES

Managing Director of Democracy & Public Policy Advisor
Atlanta, Georgia

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation (AMBFF) invites nominations and applications for the role of Managing Director of Democracy and Public Policy Advisor. Reporting to the Foundation's President, the Managing Director and Public Policy Advisor will facilitate the development of AMBFF's strategy and learning agenda to strengthen democracy through promoting civic participation, protecting voting rights, and enhancing the role that journalism can play in informing citizens and supporting healthy civil discourse.

A renowned entrepreneur and co-founder of The Home Depot, Arthur M. Blank is now recognized for his values-based Blank Family of Businesses (BFOB) and as one of America's leading philanthropists through AMBFF. After 25 years and more than \$800 million in giving as of July 2021, AMBFF has committed to significantly escalating the impact of its philanthropy over the next 10+ years. This milestone coincides with deeper participation among the next generation of Blank family members on the board and in advisory capacities, partnering around their shared core beliefs, including the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* ("heal and repair the world"), and seeking a fuller realization of American ideals.

The Board is embarking on a journey of deeper learning and strategy setting for its new collective areas of giving, which include: Youth Development, with a focus on workforce development and economic mobility; Democracy, with a focus on Voting Rights and Journalism; and Environment, with a focus on Conservation and Climate Resiliency. Across these portfolios, AMBFF will look for opportunities to address the growing crisis of disconnection in our nation. Geographically, much of the work will continue to prioritize Georgia (with a focus on Atlanta) and Montana, while also considering the potential for greater national impact and influence.

The Foundation is now building the leadership team with Managing Directors for each of the collective giving areas and a Managing Director overseeing Effective Philanthropy for the Foundation. These new leaders will help shape AMBFF's future and will work in concert with the President, other Managing Directors and the Foundation's Finance and Operations leads to set a new course for the Foundation with respect to programs, operations and culture in advancement of AMBFF's mission. **In addition to the Managing Director, Democracy & Public Policy, the Foundation invites nominations and applications for the roles of [Managing Director, Youth Development](#) and [Managing Director, Effective Philanthropy](#).**

As a new role on the Foundation's leadership team, the Managing Director of Democracy and Public Policy Advisor will report to AMBFF's new President, [Fay Twersky](#), and partner with the Board of Directors, staff and other stakeholders to collaboratively design and implement an impactful philanthropic portfolio. The Managing Director and Public Policy Advisor will provide guidance on the role the Foundation can play in policy and systems change, both as a resource for policy makers and as an advocate for community organizations leading the way. While the portfolio will have important place-based opportunities, the

Democracy portfolio must consider impact and opportunity regionally and nationally, especially where voting rights are facing significant threat.

The successful candidate will bring national leadership, deep expertise, and dynamism to the work of the foundation. A deft facilitator and strategic thinker, the Managing Director and Public Policy Advisor will have experience building the relationships, program strategy, and team needed for aligning local, regional, and national resources in defense of voting rights and in support of journalism that informs citizens and supports healthier discourse.

TO APPLY

AMBFF is partnering with [Katherine Jacobs](#), [Julian Jackson](#), and [Emily Wexler](#) of [NPAG](#) on this search. Due to the pace of this search, candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Candidates may submit their cover letter, outlining their interest and qualifications, along with their resume via NPAG's [website](#).

Cultivating a diverse and inclusive team is an essential component of the Blank Family Foundation's work to advance equity. Candidates of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.